

BOISE COUNTY PLAN FOR BALLOT SECURITY, PROCESSING AND COUNTING – MAY 19, 2020, PRIMARY ELECTION

Boise County is a hand count ballot county that does not utilize tabulating equipment. Ballot counts are done by hand, in counting teams of four poll workers. In accordance with the guidelines issued by Secretary Denney on May 8, 2020, we are performing our manual tabulation as close to June 2nd as practical. We are performing our judicial ballot counts on June 1, 2020, and republican/democrat ballot counts on June 2, 2020.

We have organized this 100% absentee voting May Primary by previously established precincts, not using our designated #90 Absentee/In person precinct:

- #30 Garden Valley
- #40 Horseshoe Bend
- #50 Idaho City
- #60 Lowman
- #70 Mores Creek
- #80 Placerville

This was done in order to make tracking, counting and reporting results, more manageable for our small office of 6 employees (Auditor/Recorder/Clerk functions).

We are receipting incoming ballots to the voter registration system on a daily basis (no carryover between days) such that we will be able to report ballots received subsequent to May 19, 2020, through June 2, 2020, as suggested by the Secretary of State's Office.

In accordance with the Emergency Voting Plan (Plan), issued by the Idaho Secretary of State's Office on May 1, 2020, we have complied with the applicable requirements of the Plan as follows:

"4.3 Voted ballots returned to the county clerk shall be held, unopened, in a secure location until the clerk begins preparing ballots to be counted."

Ballots returned to the Boise County Clerk's Office are receipted in to the electronic voter registration system on the day received. Prior to receipting in to the system, ballots are grouped by precinct number. After being receipted to the system, precinct grouped ballots are deposited within the appropriate locked ballot bag, all of which are kept in a locking vault within the Idaho City Clerk's Office.

"4.4 The timing of opening ballot envelopes and counting votes cast will vary depending on the method used for tabulating results.

4.4.2 Hand count counties... are to calculate backward from the time results may be released, the amount of time required to open ballot secrecy envelopes and count the ballots with the number of election workers available. The counties may begin processing ballots based on that calculation. Opened ballots are to be secured

at all times. Whenever ballots are accessed, it must be by at least two election workers."

On Monday, June 1, 2020, beginning at 8:00 a.m., we will begin opening ballots by precinct, separating by type of ballot (Republican, Democrat, Judicial) and grouping in bundles of 25 ballots. We have requested a Sheriff's Deputy be present while we bring the locked ballot bags, identified by precinct number, and one precinct at a time, from the vault in the Clerk's Offices to the Boise County Commissioners' Room, both located within the same building, the Miners' Exchange in Idaho City. The Sheriff's Deputy will be present for some period of time thereafter to witness the process used to open and separate ballots.

After all precinct ballots have been opened and sorted, a team of four Tally Clerks will perform the count of the judicial ballots, by precinct number. This is being done so that we will have sufficient time on Tuesday, June 2nd, to process the remaining ballots (Republican and Democrat) given the number of election workers available on June 2nd. Ballots will continue to be separated by precinct, and by Republican and Democrat, in separate locking ballot bags.

The Deputy will return at the end of the day to witness the locking of the precinct ballot bags while in the Commissioner's room, the transport of the locked precinct ballot bags to the Clerk's vault, and the closing/locking of the vault door.

On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, beginning at 8:00 a.m., the Sheriff's Chief Deputy Dorau will arrive at the Clerk's Office in Idaho City, to witness the opening of the vault containing locked precinct ballot bags. Chief Deputy Dorau will transport all locked precinct ballot bags to the Idaho City High School located at 100 Centerville Rd. in Idaho City (approximately 1/3 mile from the Clerk's Office). Deputy Dorau will assist in transporting locked ballot bags from his vehicle to the counting team rooms (quantity 3). He will also be present to witness breaking the ballot bag locks and removal of pre-sorted ballots.

There will be three counting teams on Tuesday, June 2nd, and each team will be located in a separate classroom. Based on the total absentee ballot requests, by precinct, we will divide the precincts into the following combinations:

Team Precinct Combinations

- Team 1: #30 Garden Valley
 #60 Lowman

- Team 2: #40 Horseshoe Bend
 #50 Idaho City

- Team 3: #70 Mores Creek
 #80 Placerville

Upon completion of counting a precinct, all precinct ballots will be returned to the appropriate ballot bag for that precinct. The Team Captain will provide precinct results to Election Deputy Dresslar by phone, who will then transfer to Clerk Prisco. The Team Captain will then provide precinct results to Clerk Prisco by phone. Clerk Prisco/Elections Deputy Dresslar will then compare precinct results and resolve any differences.

Once all precincts are counted, returned to ballot bags and locked, all ballot bags will be brought back to the Clerk's Office by the Sheriff's Deputy and returned to the vault.

Clerk Prisco and Elections Director Dresslar will handle election night reporting of the unofficial results.